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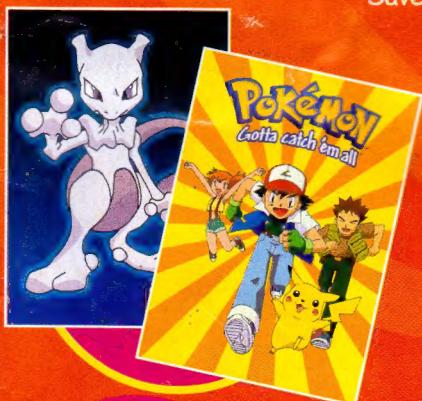


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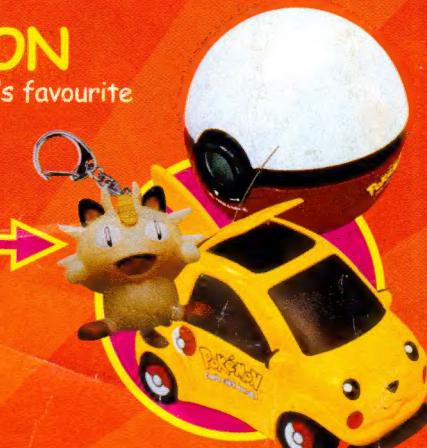


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# THIS IS POKÉMON

## THE HISTORY OF POKÉMON

Pokémon are everywhere, and no-one can resist their charms. But have you ever wondered where these curious characters come from? All budding Pokémon Masters should read on...



### 2 THE NEXT STEP

The next chapter in the Pokémon story was the release of Nintendo's Game Boy in 1990. The GameFreak crew took it upon themselves to buy one of these new hand-helds and dismantle it to see how it worked. From here they began work on their own bug-catching game, where people could use the link cable to swap their trapped insects. With the Pokémon concept firmly in the creative pipeline, Satoshi sold his idea to the creators of the Game Boy - Nintendo.

### 5 WHERE TO NOW?

It wasn't long before Pikachu and friends travelled to new shores. Their first stop was the USA, launching the cartoon and then the Red and Blue (replacing the Green version) Game Boy games. Once again, Pokémon exploded like an angry Voltorb and took the country by storm. Eventually, Pokémon arrived in the UK and we all know what happened then - total Poké-mayhem. World domination is now only a formality for Pokémon as the adventures of Ash and friends travel the globe.



### 1 BUGGIN' OUT

Legend has it that the idea behind Pokémon was unknowingly hatched in the mid-1970s by a bug collector called Satoshi Tajiri. Although he loved his insects, when the video games craze took off in the early '80s, Satoshi squashed his bug habit in favour of coin-op machines down at the arcades. So great was his passion for arcade games that, in 1982, Satoshi and friends decided to start a video games tips magazine called GameFreak.



### 3 THE FIRST SUCCESS

Creating the Pokémon game was a massive task for GameFreak, and it took six years for them to complete it. In 1996, the Red and Green (yes, GREEN) versions were released in Japan. And, as electrifying Pikachu would have it, the Japanese went absolutely mad for it. After only 12 months on the shelves, the Pokémon game sold over four million copies.

### 4 ON THE BOX

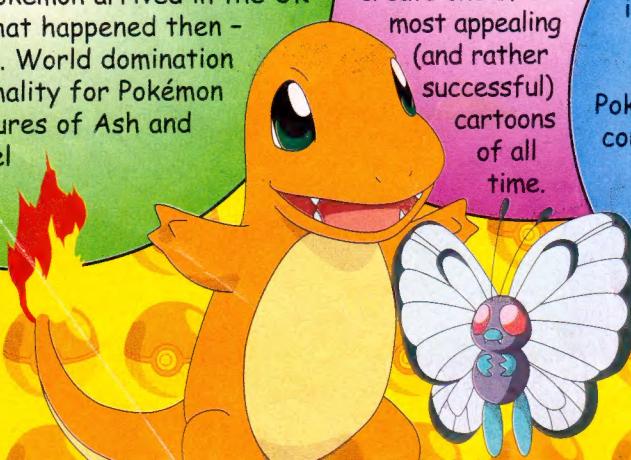
With Pokémon going from strength to strength on Japanese Game Boys, GameFreak was approached in 1997 and asked to license a Pokémon cartoon series. Satoshi agreed, but rather than just use this as a piggy-bank filler, forced the cartoon's creators to play through the Pokémon game so they could understand the concept behind Pokémon. This helped them to create one of the most appealing (and rather successful) cartoons of all time.



### 6

### THE END?

From collecting insects in matchboxes to pocket monsters in Game Boys, Satoshi had created one of the biggest crazes in the universe. But just how long can Pokémon last? At the moment, Pokémon continues to evolve. More games, more films, more cartoons and more Pokémon are all just around the corner, so it seems we can rest assured Pikachu and his pals will be around for a long while yet...

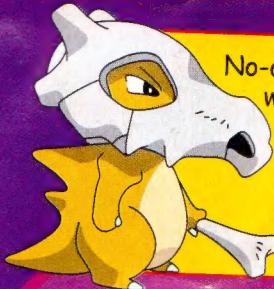


## POKÉFACTS

If you want to be a true PokéMón master, you're going to have to do some homework!

Read up and amaze your friends with these super PokéFacts from the PokéMón Masters.

# THIS IS PokéMón



No-one has even seen what a Cubone looks like. The skull mask it always wears is said to be from an extinct PokéMón.

### PokéFact

PokéMón is currently the best-selling Game Boy title of all time, beating even the likes of Super Mario Bros. and Legend Of Zelda: Link's Awakening.

**Martial arts monsters!** The leggy Hitmonlee is named after martial arts legend Bruce Lee, whilst fisticuff fighter Hitmonchan is named after Jackie Chan.



### PokéFact

Do you know which was the first PokéMón seen on the cartoon? Apparently it's a tie between the nasty Nidorino and the ghoulid Gengar.

Have you ever wondered where the names of Ekans and Arbok came from? Try spelling them backwards, and you get Snake and Kobra!



### PokéFact

PokéMón: The Electric Tale Of PokéMón was America's best-selling comic book when it was released. It even outsold Batman, Spider-Man and The X-Men!

Jesse and James from Team Rocket are only 17 years-old! What do their parents think about these unruly teenagers?



### PokéFact

PokéMón was originally called Pocket Monster in Japan, but it was changed for the English market because the name was too similar to another toy series called Monster In Your Pocket.



Bet ya didn't know that the names of the characters in the PokéMón cartoon were changed for English audiences! For starters, Ash is known as Satoshi in Japan, James as Kojiro, Professor Oak as Professor Okido, and Officer Jenny as Officer Junsa.



The swirl on Poliwhirl's belly changes direction when he evolves into a Poliwhag. We just get dizzy looking at them!

### PokéFact

The doughnuts you see the kids eat in the cartoon are not like the ones you get at the cake shop... they're actually riceballs! When the Japanese was dubbed over for English audiences, the producers decided that doughnuts would be more appropriate.



The flames on the tip of the Charmander, Charmeleon and Charizard's tails are not just there for lighting fires! Oh no, it also indicates how healthy they are - if it extinguishes, the cheeky orange chaps will pass out!

### PokéFact

The PlayStation may well be the most successful games console ever, but more people bought PokéMón in America during Christmas '98 than any PlayStation game. Take that, Crash Bandicoot!

### PokéFact

Forget the Millennium Dome, the Japanese are building a PokéMón theme park in Tokyo. Have they gone completely Pokémad... Actually, where's our one, Mr Blair?



Did you know that Pikachu was the best-selling toy in Japan during 1997? This no doubt proves that the little yellow rodent is everyone's fave PokéMón!



# THIS IS Pokémon

## THE next Generation!

Have you caught 'em all? Are you a Pokémon master who has completed both Pokémon Red & Blue, and is waiting for the sequel? Well, Game Boy Power is proud to bring you the first info on Pokémon Gold and Silver!

# Gold & Silver

## meet YOUR FIRST new Pokémon



### PIKA, PIKA... PICHUU?

There was no way that Nintendo was going to release a Pokémon game without Pikachu. Yep,

in a clever bit of designing, Pokémon Gold and Silver will allow you to catch a baby Pikachu, called Pichuu. Ahhh, ain't he cute?



### BABY Pokémon

baby Electabuzz to be discovered too!

A baby Pikachu isn't the only nappy-wearing Pokémon on offer in Pokémon 2. Here are just four of the other five baby Pokés - there's also a

Just like Pokémon Red and Blue, you get to choose between three different starting Pokémon in Pokémon Gold and Silver. There's Grass-type Chicolita, Fire-type Hinoarashi, and Water-type Waniniko. The

last one evolves into a big dinosaur that looks just like Godzilla!



### PREHISTORIC Pokémon!

After its starring role in the cartoon, and brief appearance in Pikachu's Vacation, you will finally be able to catch and train a Togepi! This prehistoric Pokémon was supposed to be extinct...but not any more! Togepi also evolves into a Togechikku, which looks like a Dodo with wings.

### WHENZ IT comin'?

Whilst the game has been on sale in Japan since November '99, Nintendo told Game Boy Power that it intends to release both Pokémon Gold and Silver in the UK during December... Hey, that's just in time for Christmas!



## EVOLUTION EXCITEMENT

As well as the toddlers, *Pokémon 2* also features a number of new evolutionary stages for some *Pokémon* from the original game. This chap is an evolved Slowbro, and although he's called *Yadoking* in Japan, we guess he'll be called something like *Slowking* in the UK. You'll also be able to catch evolved versions of *Chansey*, *Vileplume* and *Seadra* as well.



## WEIRDO AWARD

As weird *Pokémon* go, the likes of *Mr Mime*, *Jynx* and *Dodrio* take some beating. However, these four chaps certainly take the weirdo award in *Pokémon Gold* and *Silver*! We reckon that the game designers have been eating way too much cheese before bedtime!



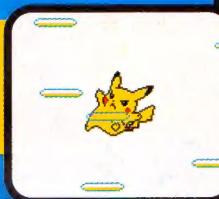
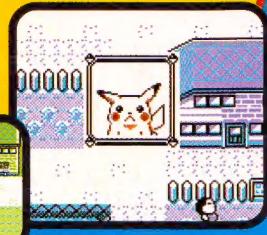
# Yellow

a SPECIAL PIKACHU EDITION  
OF *Pokémon*!



## SO WHAT'S *Pokémon Yellow*?

Well, it's essentially the same game as *Pokémon Red* and *Blue*, but is directly inspired by the cartoon series. You had to wait until Viridian Forest to pick up Pikachu before, but here the little fella is playable from the start. In fact, he can be seen on screen, following you about on your adventure to become the greatest *Pokémon Trainer* ever!



As well as that, Team Rocket also appear in

the game, and Pikachu doesn't evolve into Raichu... just like he refuses to do in the cartoon! So, whilst *Pokémon Yellow* is a nice special edition of a fantastic game, there isn't really much here for those of you who have played the original *Pokémon* to death - it's the same game, more or less!

## CARTOON CASH-IN!

## WHENZ IT COMIN'?

Nintendo is intending to release *Pokémon Yellow* on 16 June. When it was released in America last year, Nintendo released a special limited-edition Yellow Pikachu Game Boy Color. Hopefully it will do the same over here!



# THIS IS Pokémon

## THE FIRST movie

You need a big screen for a big adventure and this is certainly the biggest adventure that Ash, Pikachu and their pals have had yet. We were first in, with our popcorn buckets overflowing...



In an attempt to create the most powerful Pokémons in the entire universe, a group of scientists have cloned the DNA from the mysterious 151st Pokémon - Mew. What they have created with this is the mighty psychic Pokémon - Mewtwo. However, Mewtwo is unhappy at being cloned and decides to take his revenge on both humans and Pokémons alike.



Mewtwo lures the toughest Pokémons to his remote island (New Island) where he plans to steal their Pokémons and clone them, making his own army of super-strong Pokémons to unleash upon the world. What Mewtwo doesn't expect is the courage of Ash and Pikachu, and the arrival of Mew. The Mewtwo is one seriously tough, bio-engineered Pokémon. The fate of Pokémons can only be decided by the ultimate Pokémon battle...



## What We Thought

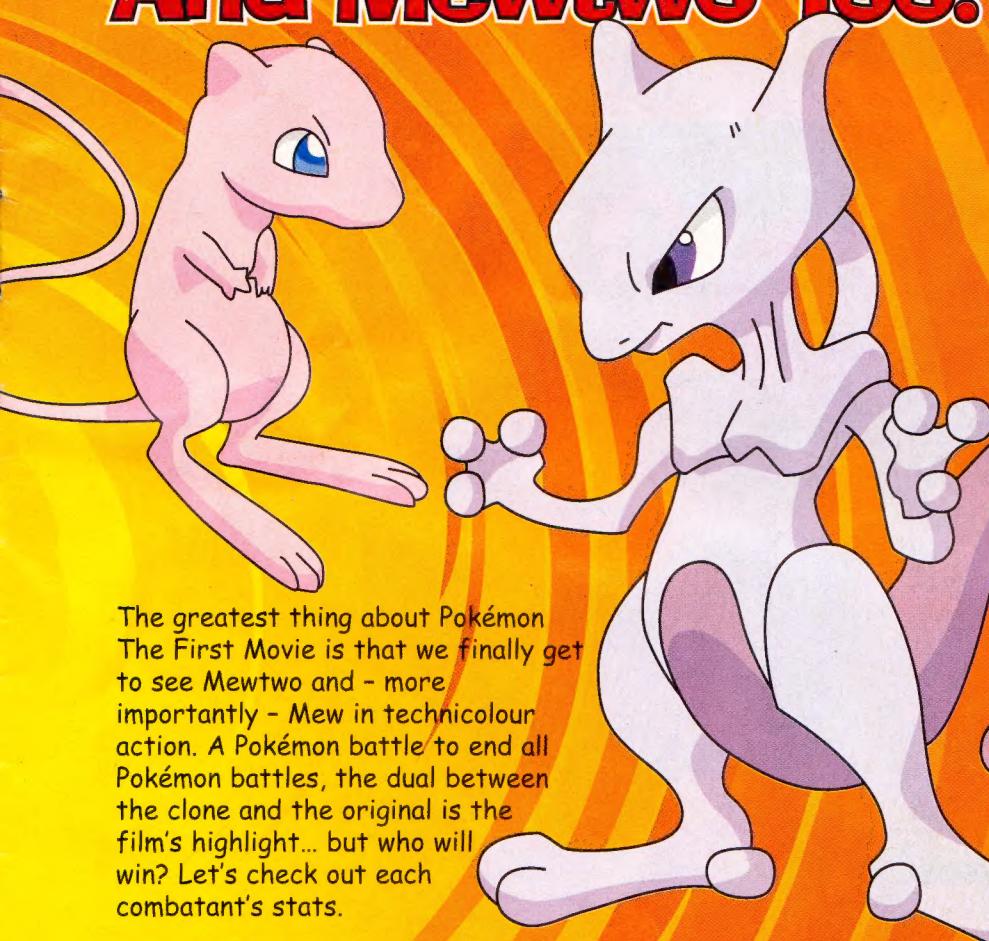
It was ace to see Mew in action; he's a really loveable Pokémon with the squeakiest of 'mmeeeeeeeeew's. There's plenty of fun and adventure, with most of the characters from the series making an appearance. The final battle is really nail-biting stuff, but we're not going to tell you what happens... just make sure you take some tissues with you! If you love Pokémons, you've got to see this movie. If you don't love Pokémons, see the movie anyway and you'll soon learn to love 'em all!



MATT AND BEN MEET CHARMANDER

Pokémon  
Masters

# Meet Mew... And Mewtwo Too!



The greatest thing about *Pokémon The First Movie* is that we finally get to see Mewtwo and - more importantly - Mew in technicolour action. A *Pokémon* battle to end all *Pokémon* battles, the dual between the clone and the original is the film's highlight... but who will win? Let's check out each combatant's stats.

**Name:** Mew  
**Type:** Psychic  
**Height:** 1' 6"  
**Weight:** 9 Ibs



**Odds?:** This ultra scarce *Pokémon* is surrounded in mystery, as hardly anyone has ever seen one. He may well be tiny but Mew is certainly a heavy-hitter, and besides, he's the good guy, so he's bound to win... right?

**Name:** Mewtwo  
**Type:** Psychic  
**Height:** 6' 7"  
**Weight:** 269 Ibs

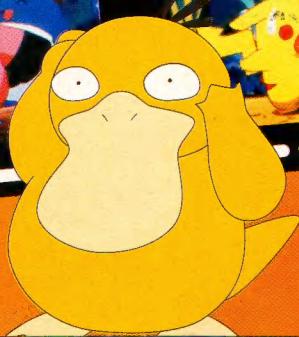
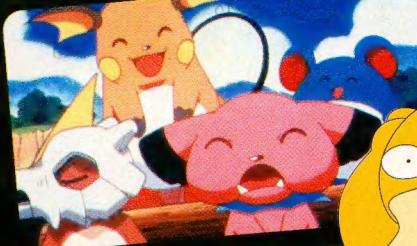
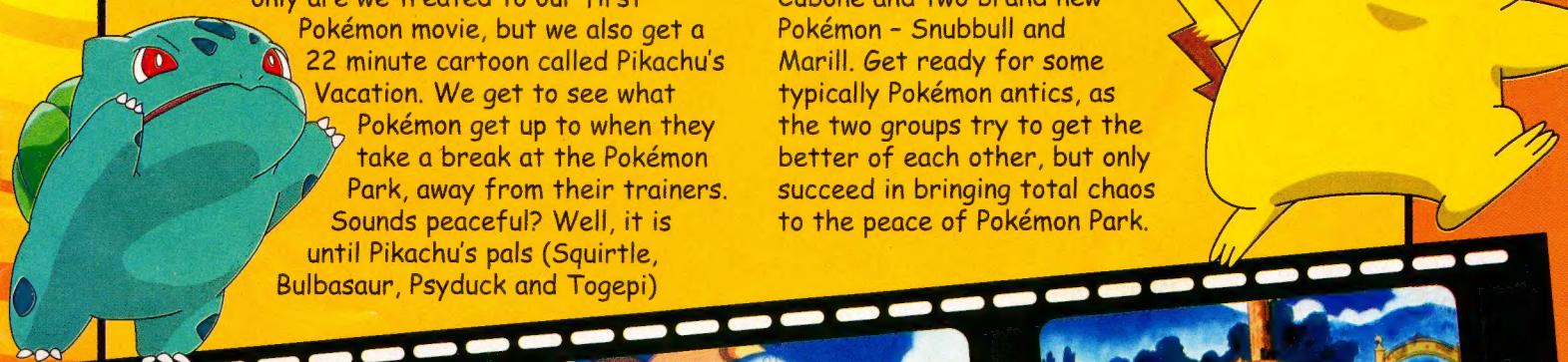


**Odds?:** Although he is cloned from the diminutive Mew, this product of weird science is mad, bad and dangerous to know! Will psychic-powered evil overcome psychic-powered good? There's only one way to find out - and that's to see the movie!

## Pikachu's Vacation

Double helpings of *Pokémon* movie madness! Not only are we treated to our first *Pokémon* movie, but we also get a 22 minute cartoon called *Pikachu's Vacation*. We get to see what *Pokémon* get up to when they take a break at the *Pokémon* Park, away from their trainers. Sounds peaceful? Well, it is until Pikachu's pals (Squirtle, Bulbasaur, Psyduck and Togepi)

have a run in with Raichu, Cubone and two brand new *Pokémon* - Snubbull and Marill. Get ready for some typically *Pokémon* antics, as the two groups try to get the better of each other, but only succeed in bringing total chaos to the peace of *Pokémon* Park.



# POKÉGOODIES



Have you been to the shops lately? Seen anything you like? Well, there's tons of Pokémon stuff out there and we've been on a Poké-mental shopping spree. Here's some of the stuff we came home with.

**Pokémon Stickers**  
Are you stuck on Pokémon? Why not get Pokémon stuck elsewhere with these sparkly, spanky and ever so fancy stickers.

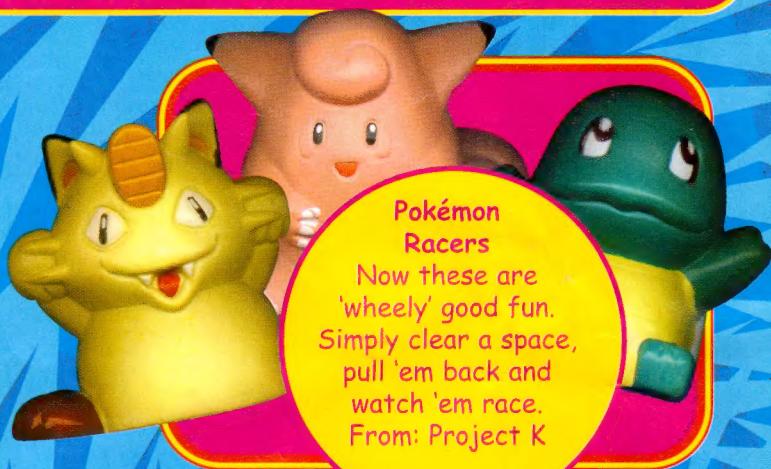
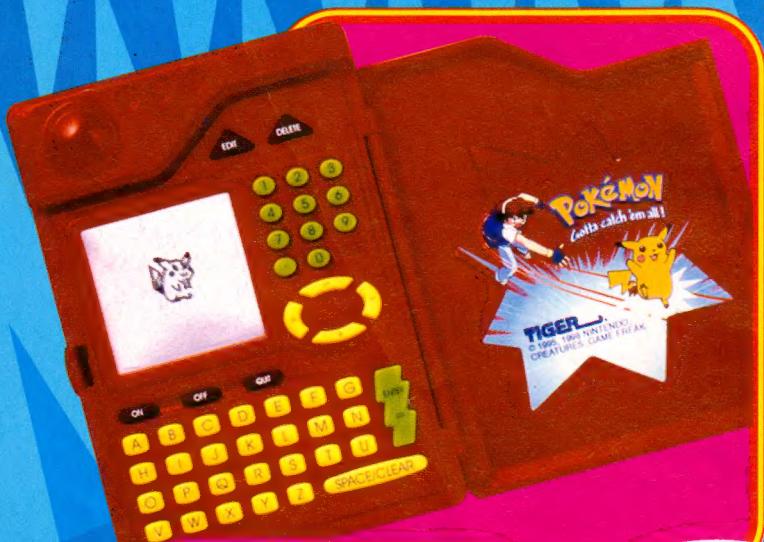
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## Pokédex Organiser

Got your Pokémon in a bit of a pickle? This little beauty will help you get all 151 Pokémon back in order.

From: Tiger Electronics



**Pokémon Racers**  
Now these are 'wheely' good fun. Simply clear a space, pull 'em back and watch 'em race.

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**Pikachu Radio Pal**  
Pikachu killed the radio star. No he didn't! In fact, this is his very own FM radio, complete with mini-headphones.

From: Tiger Electronics



**Meowth Light-up Keychain**  
We knew we had to get this when we saw it in the 'cat'-ologue. Keep your keys tidy and see Meowth light-up when he gets moved around.

From: Tiger Electronics



**Poké Ball Light**  
Don't be in the dark about your Pokémon - shed some light on the subject with this wicked Poké Ball light.

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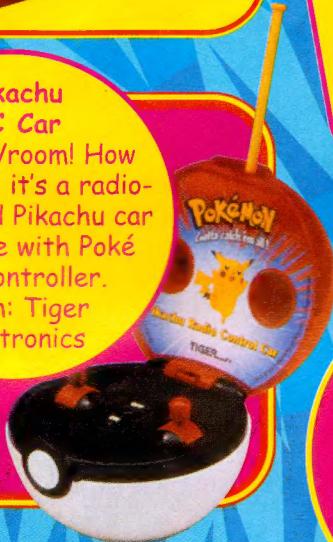




**Pokémon Battle Arena**  
Does lightning strike in the same place twice? Meowth hopes it won't in this cool Pikachu Vs Meowth battle game.  
From: Tiger Electronics



**Pikachu RC Car**  
Vroom! Vroom! How shocking, it's a radio-controlled Pikachu car complete with Poké Ball controller.  
From: Tiger Electronics



**Pikachu Sampler**  
Tired of the little yella fella just saying 'Pikachu'? Well, now you can put your own words into the little rodent's mouth with this ace Pikachu voice recording toy.  
From: Project K



**Poké Ball**  
Wanna catch 'em all? Well, now you can, and in one Poké Ball! It must have a sizeably super storage system.  
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**Pokémon Pencil Toppers**  
Get a Pokémon on your pencil with these super cool toppers. You also get four Topps cards thrown in. Sweet.  
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**Pokémon Turbo Top Launcher**  
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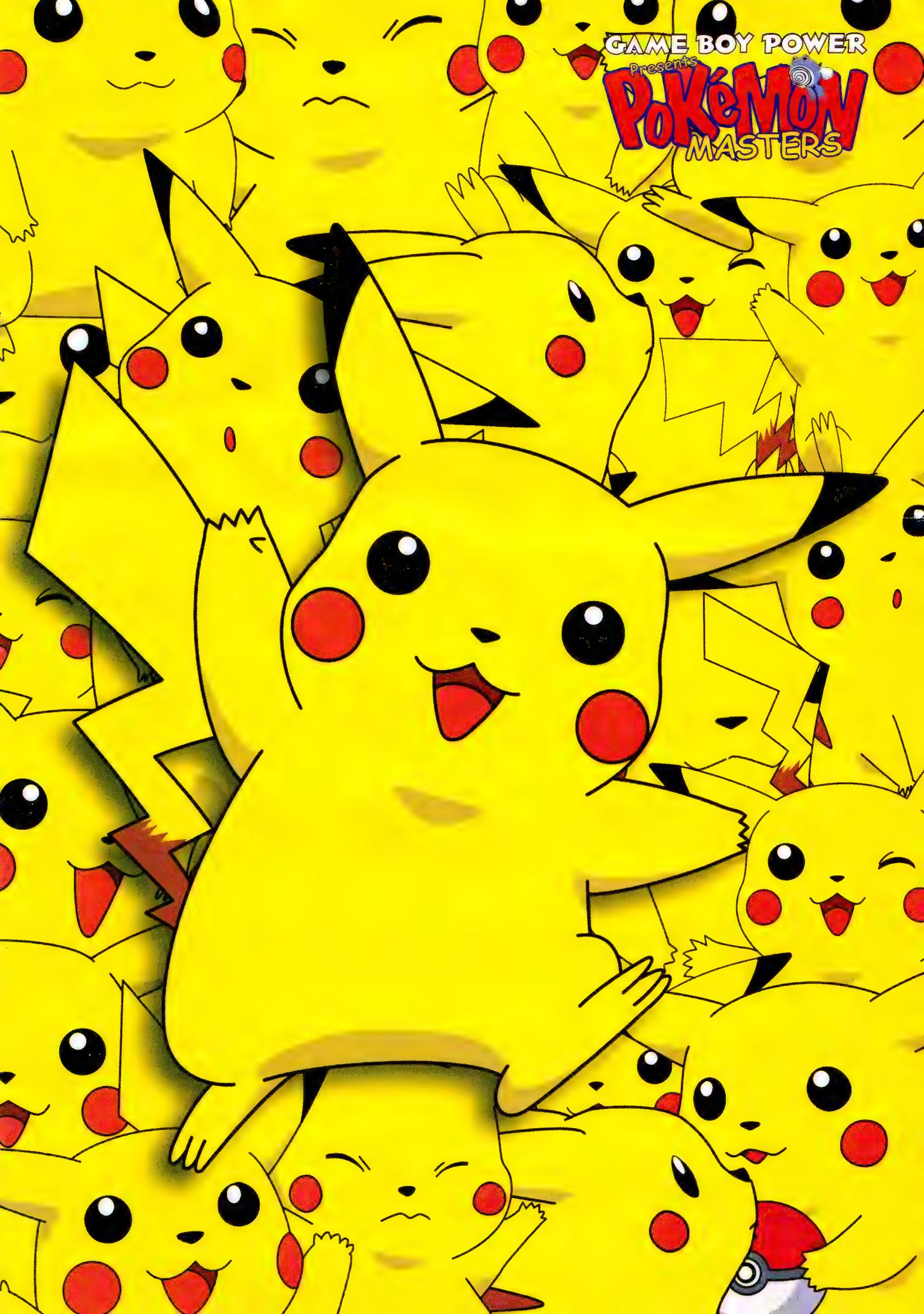
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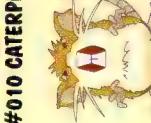
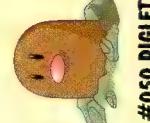
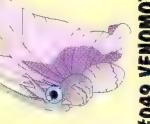
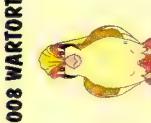
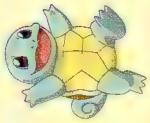
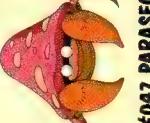
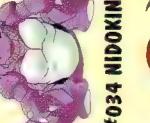


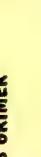
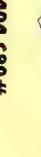
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# Pokémon

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# #25 Pikachu

What's yellow, cute 'n' cuddly, handy to have around during a powercut, and the most popular Pokémon of all time? Take a bow, Mr Pikachu!



**Name:** Pikachu  
**Pokémon Type:** Electric  
**Height:** 1' 04"  
**Weight:** 13 Ibs  
**Evolves Into:** #26, Raichu

## Poképrofile



### History

According to the original Pokémon Red and Blue games, Pikachu can be found in the Viridian Forest. However, in the cartoon, he appears a lot sooner.

Ash wakes up late on his first day as a Pokémon Trainer, arriving at Professor Oak's Training Centre after Bulbasaur, Charmander and Squirtle have already been chosen. He finds himself lumbered with the Pokémon no-one else wanted... Pikachu!

An uneasy partnership at first, Ash and Pikachu soon become firm friends after they see off a flock of Spearows together. Since then, Ash and Pikachu have travelled the world, cataloguing and collecting Pokémons.

### Pikachu's Finest Hour

Pikachu's finest hour was when he took on his evolved alter-ego, Raichu. Appropriately, this episode of the cartoon was called Electric Shock Showdown.

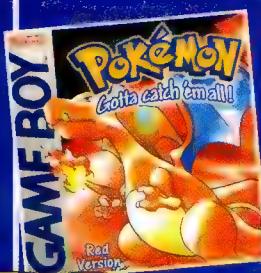
Zzaapty, zzap!



### 5 Pikachu Facts

1. Pikachu was Ash's first Pokémon.
2. In the first 52 episodes of the cartoon, Pikachu won 21 battles and only lost six. What a power-punching Pokémon!
3. In a declaration of independence, Pikachu refuses to live inside a Pokéball (apparently it's far too uncomfortable!).
4. At Level 43, Pikachu evolves the tasty Thunder electric attack.
5. Want to know the origin of Pikachu's name? Pika apparently means 'blinking', whilst Chu means 'squeak'. So, Blinking Squeak it is, then!

### Starring In...



#### Pokémon Red & Blue

The original and still the best... Pikachu made his first appearance in Red & Blue's

Viridian Forest. The forthcoming Pokémon Yellow is essentially a remake, using the characters from the cartoon, but you have access to Pikachu from the start.

#### Pokémon Stadium

Pokémon punch-ups in 3D? It can only mean the Pokémons have invaded the Nintendo 64. If you haven't already got one of these amazing consoles, you'll be pleased to hear you can buy a limited-edition pack with the game included.

#### Pokémon Snap

Say Pika-cheese! You need plenty of camera film to snap all the Pokémons on this Pokémon-infested island called... er, Pokémon Island. Apparently, there are 63 Pokémons waiting to be discovered in this fun photographic adventure.

#### Super Smash Brothers

Smash, bang, wallop! It's a tussle of the videogaming greats in this fantastically fun beat-'em-up. As well as the likes of Mario, Link and Donkey Kong, you can also play as Pikachu. Keep an eye out for Jigglypuff as well (he's a hidden character).



# Pokémon Stadium



PRICE - £49.99  
PUBLISHER - Nintendo  
RELEASED - Out now  
TYPE OF GAME - Fighting  
PLATFORM - N64

Battling Pokémon on the Game Boy is exciting, but how cool would it be to see the punch-ups in 3-D? Well, luckily for us, Nintendo thought the same thing and has brought out Pokémon Stadium!

## WHAT'S THE STORY?

Simple really. Using the Transfer Pak device that comes with the Pokémon Stadium game, you can load all of your collected Pokémons from Red, Blue and Yellow into a 3-D battle arena. In fact, you don't even need to have the Game Boy version of the game to enjoy Pokémon Stadium, as there are a host of critters that you can 'rent'.

## movie INTRO

As soon as you plonk the Pokémon Stadium cartridge into the Nintendo 64, you get treated to a gorgeous 3-D mini-movie of the Pokémons heading to the stadium. It's just like watching the cartoon



## KID'S CLUB

If you fancy a change from the battle arenas, there are nine mini-games in the Kid's Club. These are four player games, but if you're short of friends, the computer will step in to fill in the gaps. In Thundering Dynamo, you need to tap the same colour button as the one displayed on the lamp to charge up your electricity meter. The losers get a nasty shock as a punishment. Dig! Dig! Dig! requires you to take control of Sandshrew and dig down into the ground to be the first to find water.



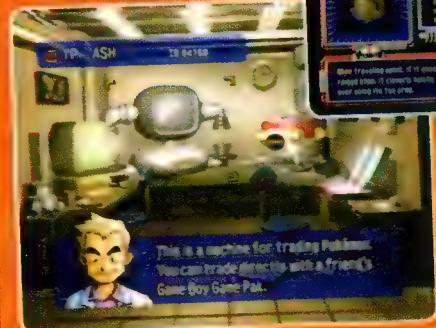
## LIMITED EDITION Pokémon N64

To coincide with the release of *Pokémon Stadium*, Nintendo has wisely made a limited-edition N64. Check out the blue and yellow colour scheme of this ickle beauty. The bundle includes the console, two control pads, the Transfer Pak and a copy of the game for £99.

Considering that the game on its own is almost £50, we reckon that this is quite a good deal.



## Pokémon Lab



Ah-ha! Why not pay a visit to Professor Oak at the local *Pokémon* Lab? Here you can arrange all the *Pokémon* and items you collected in the Red, Blue and Yellow versions of the Game Boy title. There's even a 3-D version of the Pokédex!

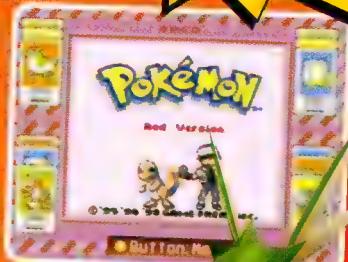
## GYM LEADER CASTLE

Relive your battles with the fearsome Elite Four from *Pokémon Red*, *Blue* and *Yellow* in full colour and in 3-D! The Gym Leader Castle allows you to take on the likes of Brock, with whatever *Pokémon* you like from the selection menu.



## Pokémon Game Boy

As well as transferring your Game Boy data to the N64, the Transfer Pak also allows you to play *Pokémon Red*, *Blue* or *Yellow* on your television through the N64. It even colours in the black and white graphics. Cool, eh?



## arena action

Either use the *Pokémon* you've collected in Red, Blue and Yellow, or choose some from the selection menu, and duke it out against the computer or a friend. The battle mode is just the same as the Game Boy version, as you each take turns choosing an attack. However, the main difference is that you get to see what the attacks look like in full colour and 3-D!



## + STRENGTHS

- It's *Pokémon* in 3-D!
- Fun mini-games option
- You can play the Game Boy version on your N64
- Cool *Pokémon* Lab

## - WEAKNESSES

- The Stadium mode might get a bit boring
- It won't be compatible with *Gold* or *Silver*
- Only four arena Cups
- A little bit expensive

## POKÉPOINTS



A thrilling 3-D *Pokémon* action experience!



# SUPER SMASH BROTHERS



PRICE - £24.99  
PUBLISHER - Nintendo  
RELEASED - Out now  
TYPE OF GAME - Beat 'em up  
PLATFORM - N64

Calling all Pokémon fanatics! Would you like to see Pikachu blast Mario with a Thundershock Attack? Well, now you can, because Pikachu is just one of the Nintendo favourites starring in this great beat 'em up.

## SMASH!

### WHAT'S THE STORY?

The idea's a simple one - choose your character from the star-studded line-up of Nintendo's finest and prepare to do battle, Smash Brothers style! Fights take place on floating arenas and rather than simply bashing your opponents into the ground, you have to knock them off the platforms. The idea is to inflict enough damage on your opponents so they can't super jump their way back to safety.



### MEET THE GANG

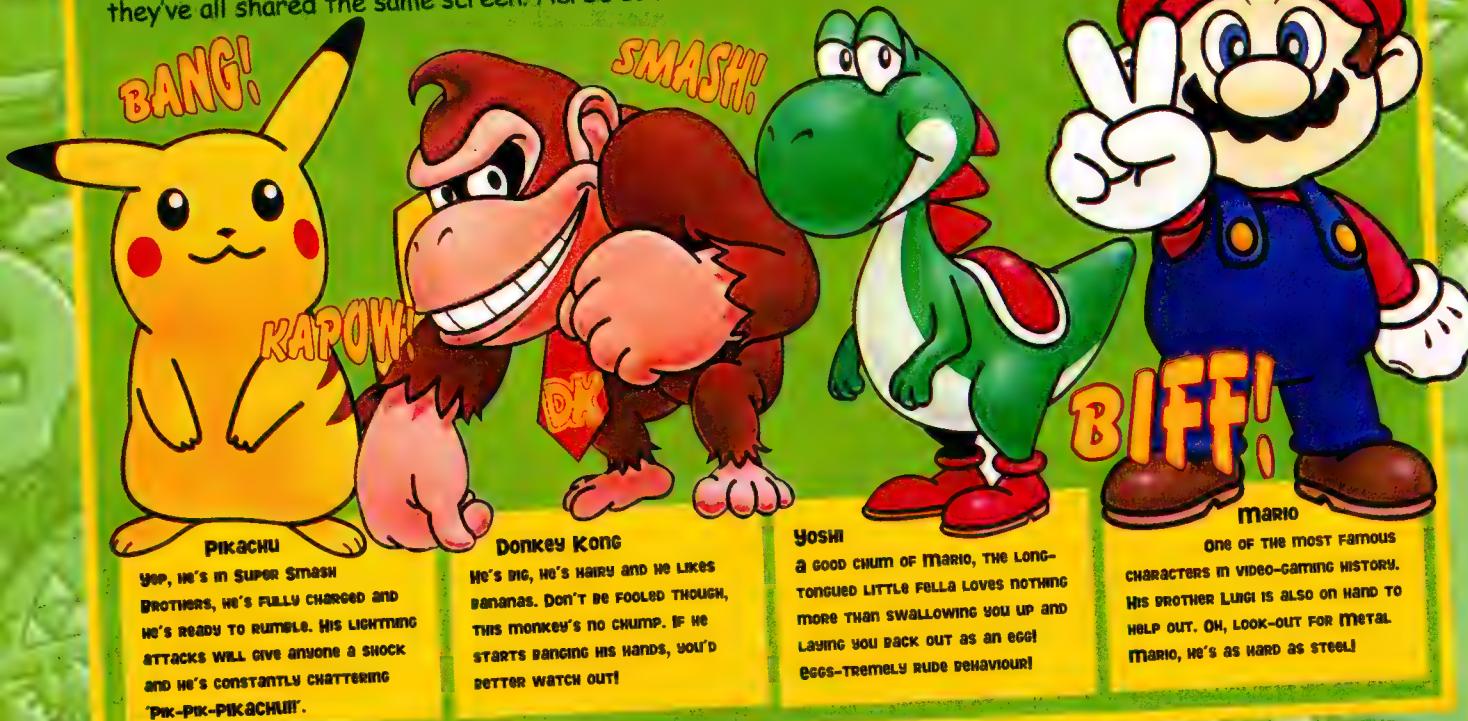


Here's your starting line-up of smashing super brothers. Recognise any faces?

## POW!

### SMASHING CHARACTERS

Nintendo characters are famous the world over and this is the first time that they've all shared the same screen. Here's some of the faces you'll see in the game.



Pikachu

YEP, HE'S IN SUPER SMASH BROTHERS. HE'S FULLY CHARGED AND HE'S READY TO RUMBLE. HIS LIGHTNING ATTACKS WILL GIVE ANYONE A SHOCK AND HE'S CONSTANTLY CHATTERING 'PIK-PIK-PIKACHU!'.

Donkey Kong

HE'S BIG, HE'S HAIRY AND HE LIKES BANANAS. DON'T BE FOOLED THOUGH, THIS MONKEY'S NO CHUMP. IF HE STARTS DANCING HIS HANDS, YOU'D BETTER WATCH OUT!

Yoshi

A GOOD CHUM OF MARIO, THE LONG-TONGUED LITTLE FELLA LOVES NOTHING MORE THAN SWALLOWING YOU UP AND LAYING YOU BACK OUT AS AN EGG! EGGS-TREMELY RUDE BEHAVIOUR!

Mario

ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS CHARACTERS IN VIDEO-GAMING HISTORY. HIS BROTHER LUIGI IS ALSO ON HAND TO HELP OUT. OH, LOOK-OUT FOR METAL MARIO, HE'S AS HARD AS STEEL!

# SMASH!

The stages consist of various locations that are linked with the game's characters. There's Hyrule Castle for Link and a jungle arena for Donkey Kong. Each level also has its own traditional music: Fox McCloud's level plays the music from *Lylat Wars* and Pikachu's level plays the music from the *Pokémon* cartoon. We also get treated to plenty of guest appearances from various *Pokémon*. You even get to play in Saffron City. Bonus!



## smash attack

If you've played any Nintendo games before, you'll probably recognise some of these impressive character attacks.

### another level

You may recognise some of the levels in *Super Smash Brothers*. That's because they're locations from other Nintendo games. Check them out...



LINK IS UNDER ATTACK ON YOSHI'S ISLAND.



MARIO GETS SHOCKED ON PEACH'S CASTLE.

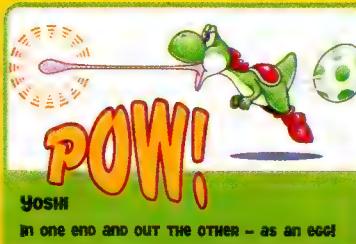


DK WINDS UP FOR A BIG PUNCH IN SAFFRON CITY.



KIRBY ATTACKS LINK AT HYRULE CASTLE.

# BANG!



YOSHI  
In one end and out the other – as an egg!



LINK  
Whoa! Check out Link's super-nifty sword action.



PIKACHU  
As always, therella fella is ready with some super-charged electric attacks.



JIGGLYPUFF...ZZZZ

Complete the game with Pikachu and you'll unlock Jigglypuff. However, poor Jigglypuff isn't really cut out for fighting and is often on the wrong end of a beating.



# GAME BOY POWER Review

## GUEST POKÉMON

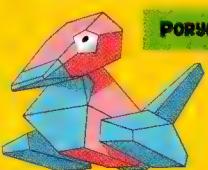
Although you can only play as Pikachu or Jigglypuff, you do get to see many more *Pokémon* in the game. These are some of the pocket punchers that will appear during the fights.



CHARMANDER



VOLTORB



PORYGON



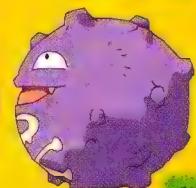
HITMONLEE



SNORLAX



MEOWTH



KOFFING

## + STRENGTHS

- Fight as Pikachu
- Loads of *Pokémon* make guest appearances
- Four player action is loads of fun
- Nice twist on the beat 'em up genre

## - WEAKNESSES

- One player game is short-lived
- Jigglypuff is pretty useless
- Choosing your player can be confusing
- Can't play as more *Pokémon*

## POKÉPOINTS



It's a whole lot of Poké punching fun!

# POKÉMON RED & BLUE

Once upon-a-time there were no Pokémons. Let's take a look at the game that started it all...

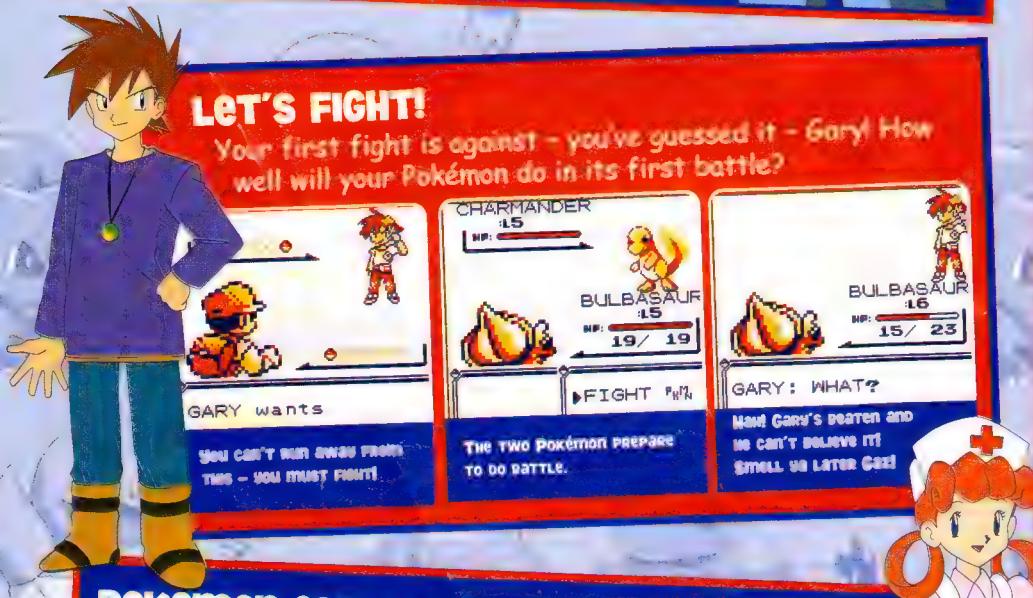
## WHAT'S THE STORY?

You play the part of a 10-year old boy (Ash in the cartoon) who lives in Pallet Town. He's a curious lad, who dreams of one day becoming the greatest Pokémon trainer in the whole land. Your first task in the game is to pay a visit to the Pokémon expert, Professor Oak and choose one of three Pokémons - Bulbasaur, Charmander or Squirtle.



## LET'S FIGHT!

Your first fight is against - you've guessed it - Gary! How well will your Pokémon do in its first battle?



## Pokémon CENTRES

If your Pokémons are feeling a bit battle-weary, you can get them back to fitness in the Pokémon Centres.



## PICK a POKÉMON

Your first Pokémon is given to you by Prof. Oak. But which one will you choose?

### CHARMANDER

#### LIZARD

HT 2' 00"

WT 19.01b



No. 004 Obviously prefers hot places. When it rains, steam

### CHARMANDER

DOES THIS FIRE POKÉMON TAKE SHINING PINK? HE'S A SLOW LARVA, BUT HE EVOLVES INTO THE SHINY FIRE-SPLITTING CHARMING.

### SQUIRTLE

#### TINYTURTLE

HT 1' 08"

WT 20.01b



No. 007 After birth, its back swells and hardens into a

### SQUIRTLE

IF YOU WOULD PAPER SOMETHING A LITTLE LESS HOT, THIS WATER POKÉMON MIGHT BE FOR YOU. HE LOOKS A REAL CUTIE, BUT HE'S GOT A LOT OF POWERFUL moves.

### BULBASAUR

#### SEED

HT 2' 04"

WT 15.01b



No. 001 The plant sprouts and grows with this POKÉMON.

### BULBASAUR

THIS GRASS POKÉMON IS A WEELY POST-LOADER AND HE'LL EVOLVE INTO A SUPER SWYZZIE POKÉMON IN NO TIME AT ALL.

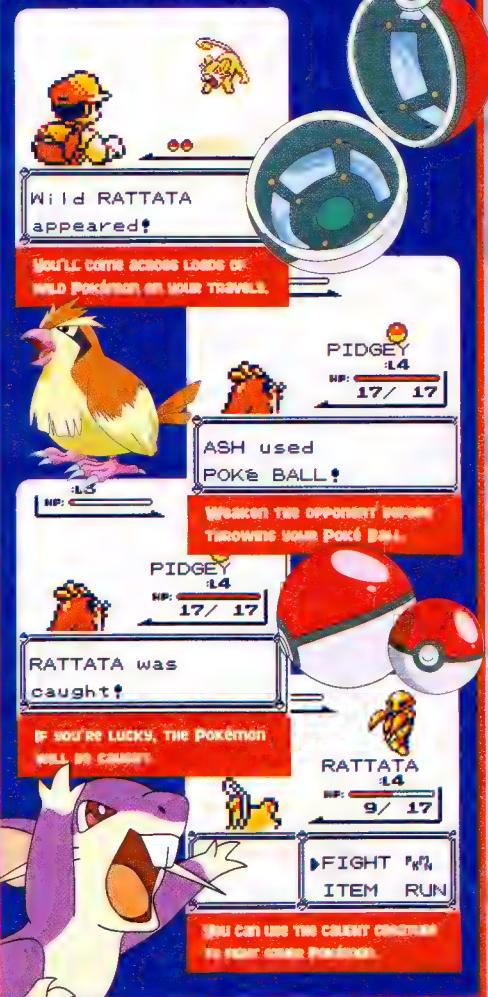


PRICE - £24.99  
PUBLISHER - Nintendo  
RELEASED - Out now  
TYPE OF GAME - RPG  
PLATFORM - Game Boy

# GAME BOY POWER Review

## CATCH 'EM ALL

To become a PokéMaster, you know you've gotta catch 'em all. Make sure you've always got a couple of PokéBalls handy.



## FIGHTING TALK

On your adventure, you'll meet lots of other PokéMaster trainers and they'll all want to fight you.



## POKÉMARTS

Where do PokéMaster go shopping? In PokéMarts of course! These shops are where you can buy important Poké goods that will help you in your adventure.



## CHARACTERS

You'll meet lots of weird and wonderful characters on your travels. It's worth talking to all the people you meet as they will often give you useful information.



## + STRENGTHS

- Cool characters
- Trade via the link cable
- Get your own Pikachu
- The best game on the Game Boy

## - WEAKNESSES

- PokéMaster will take over your life
- It isn't free
- Wave goodbye to your spare time
- Um...that's about it!

## POKÉPOINTS



Quite simply Poké perfection. Buy it now.

# ARE YOU A POKÉMON MASTER?



Welcome to Professor Oak's Puzzle Page, designed for those annoying moments when the batteries go dead in your Game Boy. All you need is a pen or pencil, and a Pokémon training certificate... just kiddin' about that last one!

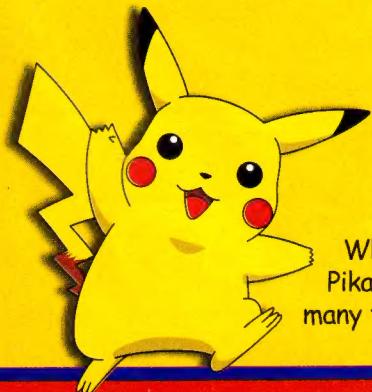


## Wartortle's Word Search

Look carefully at this grid of seemingly-random letters. Do you see something unusual? If you have the eyes of a Jigglypuff, you should be able to find the following ten Poké-related words. Circle the correct letters, either up, down, diagonal or across, to spell out the words.

1. Pokemon
2. Raichu
3. Pokeball
4. Nintendo
5. Jigglypuff
6. Oak
7. Blastoise
8. Ash
9. Mewtwo
10. Master

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## Pikachu's Pik-A-Boo

Where's Pikachu? Being a sneaky monkey, I've carefully plastered this mini-pic of Pikachu throughout this special issue of Game Boy Power. But what I want to know is how many times I've done it (including his appearance here). Best get your magnifying glass out!

# Flareon's Fill In The Blanks

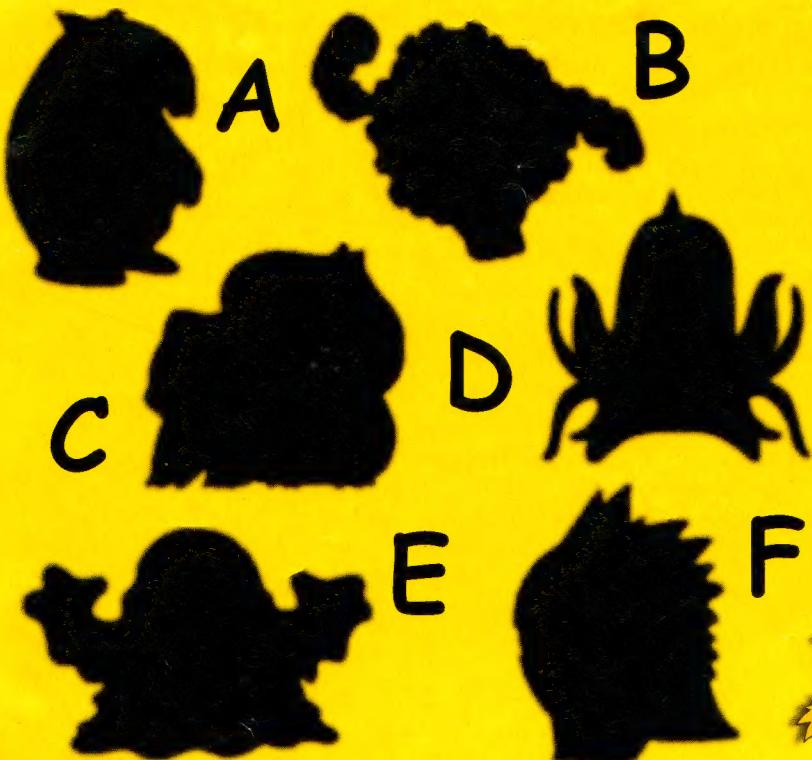


Whoops! Looks like our Pokédex is playing up! Can you figure out what Pokémon-related videogame titles Flareon was trying to type out? Fill in the blanks with the correct letters to spell out five excellent Pokémon games.

1. Pokémon Y\_1\_o\_
2. Pokémon \_e\_
3. Pokémon S\_ad\_u\_
4. Pokémon P\_n\_a\_1
5. \_u\_p\_r S\_a\_h\_r\_t\_ers

# Snorlax's Shadow Play

Hey! Who turned out the lights? Can you help Snorlax figure out who these Pokémon are just by their silhouettes?



# Alakazam's Answers

Want to know how well you did (or didn't!)? Then ask Alakazam - after all, he apparently has an I.Q. of 5,000!

Think you know your Pikachu from a pineapple? Then try your luck against Poliwhirl's ten perplexingly puzzle-tastic Pokémon questions.

1. Who is your main Pokémon-catching rival in Pokémon Red and Blue?
2. What's is the name of the Pokémon-expert professor?
3. What is the name of the villainous clone Pokémon in The First Movie?
4. What can Psyduck evolve into?
5. Which one of the following Pokémon does not appear in Pokémon Red: Primeape, Meowth, Ekans or Gloom?
6. What kind of Elemental Stone do you need to evolve Poliwhirl into Poliwrath?
7. Pokémon is a combination of two English words. What are they?
8. In Pokémon Red and Blue, you get to choose from three starting Pokémon. Bulbasaur and Squirtle are two of them, but what's the other one called?
9. Name Ash's home town.
10. What was the best-selling toy in Japan during 1997?

# Poliwhirl's Pokémon Puzzlers



Warrior's Word Search

Pikachu's Fill-A-Boo

1. Pikachu appears 27 times  
2. Pokémon Red  
3. Pokémon Stadium  
4. Pokémon Yellow  
5. Super Smash Brothers

# TRADING CARD TIPS

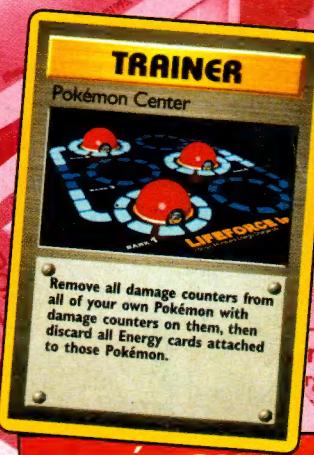
Is your deck weaker than a Voltorb in a power cut? A good deck should contain good trainers. Here are our favourites from the basic series...

## BEST TRAINERS



### POKÉMON TRADER

+ If current tactics aren't working, this trainer can often wipe the smile off your opponent's face as you bring out the perfect Pokemon for the situation.



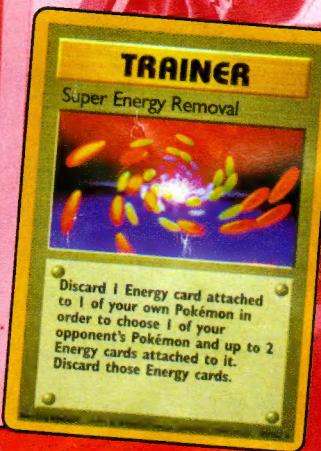
### POKÉMON CENTRE

+ If you've messed up and your Pokemon have sustained some serious damage, play this and wipe the slate clean. You'll lose your energy cards, but it's worth it.



### SCOOP UP

+ A great trainer that keeps your opponent's hands off their prizes. If your Chansey has taken some blows while being active, play this and watch your opponent weep.



### SUPER ENERGY REMOVAL

+ If your Pokemon is taking a beating, play this trainer and turn your opponent's active Pokemon's attack from something into nothing.



### BILL

+ Simple but effective when you want to turn a decent hand into a devastating one.



### PROFESSOR OAK

+ Probably the strongest trainer there is. Every deck should have Prof. Oak for those desperate situations.



### ENERGY REMOVAL

+ Not as effective as Super Energy Removal, but can still be super-annoying for your opponent.



### ITEM FINDER

+ Another good one when you're really up against it and running out of options. Basically, it's as good as your other Trainer cards.

